

**MINUTES  
WORKSHOP/CAPITAL MEETING  
CITY OF MARGATE**

**June 1, 2023**

**MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY**

**Call Meeting to Order – 5:00 p.m.**

**Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act:**

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for this meeting have been satisfied; a copy of the Annual Meetings Notice was sent to the Atlantic City Press, and the Star Ledger, posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building, the Municipal Website, and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

**Johanna Casey, City Clerk:** Reads the statement of compliance, followed with the flag salute and roll call is taken.

**Roll Call – Board of Commissioners:**

Mayor Collins, Commissioner Blumberg and Commissioner Horn were present. Chief Dan Adams, Captain Ron Kashon, Andrew Miles, Jim Galantino, Roger McLarnon, Lisa McLaughlin, Frank Ricciotti, Ed Dennis, Johanna Casey, Kenneth Mosca and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

**Item for Discussion:**

**Ken Mosca:** On June 14, 2023 at 12:00pm testing of the emergency testing system will take place. The onboarding of Ocean Computer System and Monmouth Telecom is going well.

**Ed Dennis:** Speaks on following up with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection regarding the surveys submitted for the Citywide Dredging Permit application. Also waiting to hear back from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Army Corps of Engineers as to whether the biologic studies done by Stockton University are acceptable to be included in the Shelter Island Salt Marsh Restoration of a dredge hole permit. Plans and specifications for the FY2022 NJ Department of Transportation Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue will be revised, so this project may be re-bid. Funding in the amount of \$156,980.00 has been received for the FY2023 NJ Department of Transportation State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue. \$306,620.00 has been received through the FY2023 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund for the color painting of the bicycle lanes on Atlantic Avenue from Fredericksburg Avenue to Huntington Avenue. The 2023 Road Program will include work to be done on Bayshore Drive, Fremont Avenue and Nassau Avenue. The 2023 Redevelopment of Well No. 8 will go out to bid sometime this summer, so work to begin early October 2023. Survey work is to start on the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Basketball Court Reconstruction project. Grant Consultant, Jim Rutala, is working on gathering documentation needed to obtain funding from FEMA for the Adams Avenue Storm Water Pump Station project. A cost estimate still has not been received through the Educational Services Cooperative for the Roof Replacement at the Margate Library project. Plans and specifications for the Municipal Building Renovations -Phase 2 have been updated for it to go out to bid. The structural evaluation was done, and other evaluations will be scheduled in June 2023 for compiling a list of enhancements to Library Park. Speaks on the work being done on the Community Rating System. There will be a meeting with FEMA on July 19, 2023 to discuss the Flood Warning and Response Plan, which will benefit Margate's Community Rating System points. Speaks on the funding for the Water Meter Replacement Program-Phase 2 through the NJ Department of Environmental Protection I-Bank, and making sure Phase 2 of the project is compatible with what has already been done in Phase 1.

**Ken Mosca:** The municipality has questions regarding I-Bank funding that need to be answered before the City can move forward with Phase 2 of the Water Meter Replacement project.

**Ed Dennis:** A roadway will have to be chosen for inclusion in the FY2024 State Aid application. The City was awarded \$1,500,000 under the FY2023 NJ Department of Transportation- Transportation Alternatives Set Aside for the Washington Avenue Streetscape Improvements -beach block to bay. The contractor of the Reconstruction of Thurlow Avenue and Bayshore Drive West project was given a list of items that need to be completed before the maintenance bond can be returned to the contractor. There is a running list of projects in the closeout phase. The HVAC units have finally been installed atop the Margate Library. A final punch list will be given to the contractor after a walk through is done for the Municipal Building Interior Renovations project. The Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 1 is on hold till questions are answered concerning funding to move into Phase 2. The Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Reconstruction of Tennis Courts 1-4 is now in closeout phase. Waiting for additional materials to be delivered for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement project. Footings have been installed for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Wall of Fame. Added to the list of areas to be part of the 2022 Road Program was the replacing of the driveway at Fire House No.2. The Flood Proofing of Fire House No. 1 and Historic City Hall is on hold till materials are delivered.

**Department Head Reports:**

**Scott Abbott:** Inquires about the internal meeting of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection concerning Margate's dredging permit application. Suggests a City representative attend this meeting.

**Ed Dennis:** The NJ Department of Environmental Protection will share with the City the outcome of this meeting.

**Scott Abbott:** No legal issues to discuss. Speaks on the great job the police department did with handling the crowds over Memorial Day Weekend. Reminds everyone to visit Lucy the Elephant.

**Frank Ricciotti:** Public Works continues to work on the beach. The convenience center was very busy this past weekend. 2.6 million gallons of water is used each day in Margate. Public works repaired two sewer lines on Ventnor Avenue, took care of three water leaks, and installed two water meters. Lenape High School students beach cleanup was a success. The "Recycling Magician performed for the students at the William Ross School. Public works will assist with this weekend's "Le Tour De Downbeach". Speaks on the steps taken to find out if there are any issues with the storm drain at Delevan Avenue and Amherst Avenue. No issues were found with this drain.

**Jim Galantino:** Speaks on the removing of dumpsters off of streets due to the June 15<sup>th</sup> moratorium. Speaks on rental properties needing working smoke detectors. Meeting with the contractor of Lamberti's Restaurant to get an update on the status of construction.

**Chief Adams:** Speaks on rental property owners needing to purchase and install working smoke detectors.

**Roger McLarnon:** There is a municipal safety requirement stating before a Certificate of Occupancy may be issued to a property, 4" address numbers must be attached to the building and viewable from the street. Ten cases were heard at the May 25, 2023 planning board meeting. The next planning board meeting will be held on June 8, 2023, in place of the June 29, 2023 meeting. The July 2023 planning board meeting will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup>. The planning board is hoping to do some zoning ordinance modifications to protect business zone areas. The front yard setback analysis will be used to make zoning changes.

**Captain Kashon:** Speaks on the number of responses to calls by the police over the Memorial Day Weekend. Margate City recently partnered with the "John Elliott Hero Campaign", so one police vehicle is now designated as a drunk driver law enforcement tool.

**Ken Mosca:** Will be speaking to Ed Dennis and Andrew Miles about combining the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Restrooms project and the Reconstruction of the Basketball Court project.

**Lisa McLaughlin:** The 2023 budget status report will be distributed to the commissioners. Speaks on the hiring and onboarding of seasonal employees. Gives an investment report. Municipal auditors will be in for three days starting June 7, 2023. The State has extended the filing of audit reports till September 2023. Speaks on the delivery of furniture in June or July and signage for the municipal building.

**Andrew Miles:** Speaks on the recreation staff being very busy over Memorial weekend. Beach transport will go to seven days a week till June 23, 2023. As of May 31, 2023 beach tag sales are exceeding last year's sales.

**Chief Adams:** There was an increase in call volume over the Memorial Day Weekend. Speaks on training and testing of new of new fire department recruits, who are to be sworn in at July 6, 2023 Commission Meeting. The fire department will host a fire house tour on June 7, 2023, in conjunction with the bike rodeo. The beach patrol is up and running for the 2023 summer season.

**Johanna Casey:** Primary election day is June 6, 2023. Districts 3 and 4 will again be voting at Tighe School for this election.

**Mayor Becker:** Applauds all the municipal departments for their work over the Memorial Day Weekend.

**Public Comment:**

**Dennis Gornioski, 7702 Amherst Ave.:** Speaks on disputing the report given by Frank Ricciotti on there not being any issues with water in the storm drain at Delevan Avenue and Amherst Avenue.

**Frank Ricciotti:** Speaks on the report he received regarding the storm drain at Delevan Avenue and Amherst Avenue.

**Mayor Collins:** States he will go out to view the storm drain at Delevan Avenue and Amherst Avenue with Frank Riocciotti.

**Commissioner Horn:** Recommends Mr Gornioski take pictures of the issues with the storm drain at Delevan Avenue and Amherst Avenue.

**Steve Altman,** 9003 Amherst Ave.: Speaks on people riding motorized bicycles without helmets. Inquires if motorized bicycles have to be registered and if there is a way to enforce a speed limit on motorized bicycles.

**Captain Kashon:** Motorized bicycles are not required to be registered. The issue of adopting motorized bicycle speeds and the wearing of helmets will be addressed.

**Keith Ludwick,** Isotherm Exteriors: States he is the fifth contractor to work on the Lamberti's Restaurant property. Speaks on the status of work being done. Looking for completion in July 2023. His contracting company was hired by the bank financing the project.

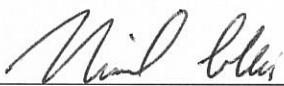
**Scott Abbott:** States there is a list of requirements that need to be addressed before Lamberti's Restaurant will be allowed to open.

Seeing that there were no public comments, a motion to close Public Comments was put forth by Commissioner Horn, seconded by Mayor Collins, with a vote of three ayes.

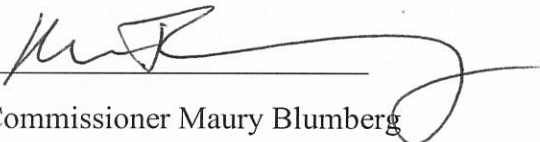
**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Mayor Collins called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Horn, and seconded by Mayor Collins, to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 5:46p.m.

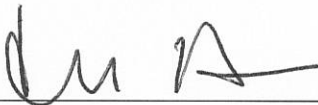
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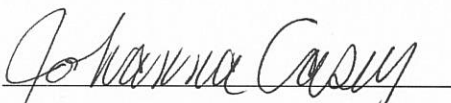
Mayor Michael Collins



Commissioner Maury Blumberg



Commissioner Catherine Horn

Attest:   
Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk

